

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

To acquire a high-resolution frame from a plurality of frames sampled from a video image, it is necessary to obtain a high-resolution frame with reduced picture quality degradation regardless of motion of a subject included in the frame. Because of this, between a plurality of contiguous frames  $Fr_N$  and  $Fr_{N+1}$ , there is estimated a correspondent relationship. Based on the correspondent relationship, the frames  $Fr_{N+1}$  and  $Fr_N$  are interposed to obtain first and second interpolated frames  $Fr_{H1}$  and  $Fr_{H2}$ . Based on the correspondent relationship, the coordinates of the frame  $Fr_{N+1}$  are transformed, and from a correlation value with the frame  $Fr_N$ , there is obtained a weighting coefficient  $\alpha(x', y')$  that makes the weight of the first interpolated frame  $Fr_{H1}$  greater as a correlation becomes greater. With the weighting coefficient, the first and second interpolated frames are weighted and added to acquire a synthesized frame  $Fr_G$ .